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GOd the Lord of Truth having brought us unto the knowledge of his Eternal Truth, hath put his fear into our Hearts, that we may not miſſpend the ſame: But that we may watch over one another for the Truths ſake. Remembring and Wraning thoſe that profeſs the ſame, that they walk orderly, and as becomes the Truth, that their wayes may be as a ſweet ſavour in the hearts of the People of this Nation.

But whiles all Remembrings and Warnings have not hitherto prevailed with *George Joyce* of *Rotterdam*, to move him to walk ſingly, and wiſely, as becomes the Truth: But he ſtill continues in the heighth of the pride of his Spirit, exalting himſelf in his heart above

what is pure: Giving himself over to the Spirit of deluſion, as did the Prophets of old: And is led by that Spirit to utter many lying Propheſies, Dreams, and Idle Imaginations; in which notwithſtanding he uſes the holy Name of God; though vainly, and to the heaping up of Iudgement upon his own Soul, and reproach upon the Truth, which he hath held forth.

In the Name of God we Iudge him, and the Spirit he is led by, and the works of the ſame, which are without the Truth.

And by the ſame Lying Spirit hath he been led to trouble himſelf with Publique matters and affairs: giving thereby cauſe to the Enemy of the Truth to think ſleightly of the Truth, and to ſpread evil reports of the ſame, which teaches us to love our Enemies, and to pray for them that uſe us deſpitefully, and not to deſire or hope for their deſtruction.

Now to take away the ſcandals, reproaches, and jealouſies that already are come, or hereafter may come upon the Innocent, by reaſon of his evil and irregular Spirit; So it is, That we hereby diſ-own him, namely, him the aforeſaid *George Foyce*, and his troubleſome Spirit, and the works of the ſame. And we bear witneſs that it is without the Truth, and without the community of the ſame: And is judged by the ſame.

And we ſee his wayes, and manner of dealings in the

the Light of Righteouſneſs, that they are wholy unrighteous, and ungodly: not minding his Word for the payment of his Debts, as he ought to do: and thereby bringing diſhonour unto the precious Truth of God, which teaches that we do by others as we would ſhould be done unto us.

Therefore we diſ-own and damn the ſame, as a work of unrighteouſneſs, as tending to the diſhonour of God, and ſcandal to the Truth, and is judged of the ſame.

We alſo diſ-own his evil converſation among men, and bear witneſs that the ſame is not in the Truth of God. And this in particular, Namely, That he miſſpends ſo many hours and dayes in Wine houſes, Beer houſes, and Coffe houſes, talking of things that concern him not; ſomtimes from the Truth, and ſometimes with other other idle diſcourſes. And then alſo of his lying Propheſies, and dreames; through all which he hath brought an evil ſavour upon the pure way of God, in the Citty of *Rotterdam*, and in other places where he hath been. And all thoſe that meaſure the wayes of Truth by his converſation cannot but be made worſe by them. But wo to him who is the cauſe of this making worſe, in the day when the Lord ſhall ariſe to plead our cauſe: and to deliver his bleſſed Truth, and to take away the reproach of his People: Then ſhall his hand be heavy upon this evil

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Inſtrument who in words hath oppreſſed the Truth, and in works hath forſaken it. And the day is come and is comming, and the light of the ſame hath ſhone upon many. And in the name and power of God do we Iudge and damn all the forementioned things, and diſown the aforeſaid *George Joyce* to bee of us, or to be in fellowſhip with us. But we warn him to come down, and to humble himſelf before the Lord, And to wait in quietneſs, to ſee if God will turn him, and alſo give him a heart to be ſencible of the injury he hath done unto Gods precious Truth: that his wickedneſs may be forgiven him, and his Soul may be bleſſed in the day of the Lord.

Given forth with one conſent by us the People of God called Quakers, *in the Province of* Holland, *to redeeme the ſufferings of the Truth of God.*

THis was that Cornet *Joyce*, who (being bred up a Taylor) at the beginning of our unhappy Wars went out a Serjeant on the Parliament ſide, and roſe in preferment till he became a Cornet. At which time his Majeſty King *Charles* the firſt reſiding at *Holmby* Houſe, til ſuch time as he could

could agree with the Parliament; this Cornet *Joyce* came thither with 500 Horſe: and coming up into the Chamber where the King was, he told the King he was come to fetch him away from thence. The King asked to ſee his Commiſſion. He bad the King look out of the Window, and he ſhould ſee it. And the King looking out ſaw the 500 Horſe; At which he ſmil'd, and anſwered, *This is indeed the only Commiſſion of theſe Times.*

But from thence he took the King, and carryed him to the *Iſle of Wight*; himſelf being Governour of that Iſland, where he behaved himſelf ſo Unjuſtly and Tyrannically among the Inhabitants, and others, that when his Majeſty that now is came in, he was fain to leave *England*, leſt he ſhould be called to an account for his many abuſes. And diſpairing of carrying on his Deſignes as he would have done, he (like *Lilburn* and ſeveral other turbulent Male-contents) turned *Quaker*; and went over to *Holland*; And there ſo propagated thoſe Tenents that he collected a Congregation of them, partly *Dutch*, and partly *Engliſh*.

But he retaining ſtill his troubleſome and unquiet Spirit, could not but dayly more and more diſcover it: And in maligaity to Kingly Government went about among ſeveral Drinking Houſes declaring his Dreams, and endeavouring to have them accouuted Propheſies to foretell the deſtruction of our King and Kingdome.

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